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Taking root

ROSY cheeked Morgan Pritchard was stuck to the spot after meeting royalty at the Chelsea Flower Show. The green-fingered youngster was invited to tend the gardens at Highgrove when he grows up by the Duchess of Cornwall after he presented

her with a posy of Sweet Pea. Eight-year-old Morgan, a pupil at Charlton Manor primary school met The Queen and Prince Philip as well as the Duchess at the show last week. He was part of a group of Greenwich pupils who displayed plants

and flowers they'd grown at school for a special education exhibition stand at the show. The stand won a prestigious Silver Gilt Award in the Urban Garden section of the show.

Photo: Arthur Edwards The Sun

£47m school investment plan agreed by council

by Dick Townsend-Smith

GREENWICH Council is planning a multi-million pound investment to make sure there are enough school places in the future for the growing number of children in the borough.

Councillors have backed plans that would see a total of £47.5 million invested by 2014. Subject to local consultation, the decision gives the green light to:

- £27.8 million invested to increase capacity at eight primary schools
- £12.64 million to rebuild Willowdene special school in Plumstead, and
- £3.447 million for high-priority planned maintenance.

Past planning has ensured there are currently adequate places but the decision means the council will be able to meet the demands from a growing local population in the future. The plans are based on estimates that Greenwich will need an extra 17 forms of entry by 2014 in order to keep pace.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for Children and Young People, told GT: "Greenwich Council is committed to ensuring that parents are able to send their children to the school of their choice, and we are increasing the number of school places available to meet the expected level of demand.

"The investment proposals approved in principle by the council last week are part of a continuing process to ensure that we provide the right number of

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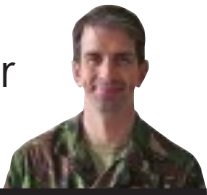
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THIS year's Armed Forces Day will take place at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich on Saturday, June 25. The event promises to be the biggest and best in London.

There will be spectacular arena displays from The Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery, who will be "tent-pegging", and an army parachute display team (weather permitting).

An important part of the borough's Armed Forces Day celebrations will be the parade by local veterans of all three services, with vets' associations parading their standards, along with other individuals and groups who want to take part. People are being asked to nominate a veteran they know - a friend, relative or neighbour.

A panel from the military will then read through the nominations, and decide who should win the special award which will be presented at the Armed Forces Day.

The event is being supported by a grant from the Ministry of Defence, who are also providing a

military band.

The day will also include a demonstration of cooking army ration packs in a field kitchen and other attractions with a military flavour.

The Co-op have also agreed to provide light refreshments for the veterans.

The UK Armed Forces Day has been running for two years and replaced Veterans' Day. It is held in June because the anniversary investiture ceremony for the Victoria Cross was first held on June 26, 1857. We have a proud history of over 300 years of military involvement in Greenwich.

Last year's Armed Forces Day was a fantastic day and warmly supported by veterans, families and the general public. This year's event promises to be bigger and better and we hope as many people as possible will come along.

If you want to nominate a veteran for his or her work in the community please contact Major Gerry Porter on 020-8781 3421 or email him on CVHQRA-2ic@mod.uk

Col Ed Brockman

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Council leader cites culture in 2012

THE benefits of hosting the Olympics and becoming a Royal Borough will be seen in real business growth and in the creation of new jobs, predicts council leader Chris Roberts.

Speaking at last week's inauguration ceremony for new Mayor Jim Gillman, Cllr Roberts said, "There are some who question the value of supporting culture and the arts in such difficult times."

"Some believe we should not spend money on restoring the Cutty Sark,

for instance. "But nine million people come to The O2 each year, and a similar number visit historic Greenwich."

"Tourism is the one industry we can affect directly, and by working with tourism attractions like the Old Royal Naval College, the National Maritime Museum and The O2, we can provide more reasons to make Greenwich the destination of choice for more people."

"In the process this attracts more spending and

creates more jobs."

Cllr Roberts outlined some of the changes that will take place in the coming year. As well as welcoming millions of visitors for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the borough - Royal Borough from next year - will see the opening of an expanded library as part of the new Woolwich Centre.

There are also plans to build an open air heated lido at Hornfair Park in Charlton while the Cutty Sark is set to reopen.

"It is important to remain optimistic and not permit the recession to hold us back," he said. However, he added, "One of the greatest challenges is in the area of affordable family housing, and I call on our housing association partners to support the Council in finding solutions that help ensure local people aren't left homeless."

He added that Greenwich has also reaffirmed its commitment to affordable housing and security of tenure.

New mayor puts on the robe

Jim Gillman takes the helm after handover from outgoing mayor Barbara Barwick

by Dick Townsend-Smith

GREENWICH has a new Mayor. He is Cllr Jim Gillman, who was officially installed in a ceremony last Wednesday (May 25) at the Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall.

He takes the role for the second time, having been Mayor in 1985/6, and succeeds outgoing Mayor Cllr Barbara Barwick. Cllr Gillman's wife Janet, also a borough councillor, will accompany him on his official duties as the Mayoress of Greenwich.

Cllr David Grant will serve as the new Deputy Mayor of Greenwich, with his wife Ann taking on the role of Deputy Mayoress.

Speaking at the official inauguration, Cllr Gillman said: "It is with considerable pleasure and pride that I accept the position of Mayor of Greenwich for the forthcoming municipal year. Greenwich has been my home for the last 70 years and is the place where I met my wife Janet and where my children and grandchildren live. It has changed immeasurably during that time but has still managed to maintain its wonderful heritage while delivering plans to ensure a future which is just as memorable as its past. I look



SWORN IN: Jim Gillman gets the seal of approval from Barbara Barwick at the ceremony on May 25 in the painted Hall

forward to a very exciting year ahead."

Born in Stepney, East London, in 1936, Cllr Gillman moved to Greenwich aged five and was educated in the borough. He attended Calvert Road Primary School in Greenwich before completing his secondary education at Charlton Central Boys' School.

After completing two years National Service in the Royal Corps of Signals serving in Germany, Cllr Gillman became a member of the Labour Party in 1964 and was elected to

Greenwich Council in 1974, a role he kept until 2002 before being re-elected in 2010 to represent the Kidbrooke and Hornfair Ward.

The new Mayor's chosen Mayoral charity for the coming year is the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. He said: "The hospice recently celebrated its 25th anniversary and has done so much for people and families in Greenwich. I will do my utmost during my year as Mayor to raise as much money as possible to assist its work."

As well as decades of service to local government, Cllr Gillman enjoyed a long career in the newspaper industry working in the circulation departments of several national newspapers, including 29 years spent working for the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and The People, before he retired. He has also been a school governor of Charlton Manor School for 41 years and for ten years at Shooters Hill Post-16 Campus.

• More info at: www.greenwich.gov.uk/mayor

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Sew much fun

Children's Centre mums create tapestry for Olympic cultural display

by Rod Kitson

GREENWICH mayor Barbara Barwick signed off her year in office with a visit to Brookhill nursery to unveil a piece of unusual artwork.

Ten creative mums at the pre-school on Brookhill Road, Woolwich, had made a one-metre square of tapestry which will slot into place as part of a giant display to celebrate the River Thames. The artwork is part of Greenwich's cultural Olympiad, and got its first public airing on May 24.

New mum Karen Heisel told GT: "The piece is a snapshot of the Thames, Woolwich, Greenwich, Canary Wharf - and most importantly, the Brookhill Children's Centre. It encouraged mothers to meet weekly and chat, and the conversation quickly sparked creativity!"

Karen added: "What started as something to do while I was on maternity leave has become a more integral part of my life."

The tapestry was funded by the Thames Heritage Trust. Lizzie Owen from Millennium Tapestry Ltd came up with the idea for the artwork to celebrate the Games coming to London, after similar pieces had been displayed at the Sydney Olympics and the Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

She said: "This piece is telling the story of the Thames from its source in Gloucestershire right down to where it reaches the sea in Southend."

"Over 200 schools and children's centres have taken part creating a metre each - it's important for children to be involved



in something tangible around the time of the Olympics."

So far some 60,000 pupils along the length of the Thames have taken part in the project, and there is still room for more.

"There are still places for Greenwich schools to make their own tapestry and well done to Brookhill for taking part in this historic project," Lizzie said.

The Mayor said: "What I love about the piece is all the different textures and techniques used - there's sewing, knitting, and different fabrics."

She added: "My time as mayor has been wonderful, really brilliant."

● For more info on the tapestry and how to get involved visit www.thamesheritagetapestry.com

SEW LONG: Greenwich Mayor Barbara Barwick has a close up look at the tapestry with youngsters and staff at Brookhill Children's Centre

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New school places

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places in those parts of the borough where we expect levels of demand to increase the most. The growth in demand for school places is part of a London-wide trend resulting from population changes

"Our planning in the past has helped ensure that there have been adequate places for all those applying for them." All the proposed building schemes will depend on consultation and more detailed plans and cost estimates being agreed.

The increased demand for school places is a result of the rising birth rate, more homes being built, and the growing demand for places in several of the borough's consistently high-performing schools. The council has also worked closely with the Army to ensure there are adequate school places for children as the borough welcomes two prestigious army regiments and their families to the borough.

THE council invested £6.5 million in new and improved school buildings during the last financial year. It meant:

- An extension to Boxgrove School, Abbey Wood, so it could expand from a one-and-a-half form entry to a two-form entry
- Rebuilding St Mary Magdalene School, Woolwich, enabling it to double its admission capacity from 210 to 420 children.

- A new early years centre at Rockcliffe Manor primary and a new nursery at Morden Mount primary

The first schemes in the 2011/12 programme will increase capacity at Heronsgate Primary School, Thamesmead; Foxfield Primary School, Plumstead; Hawksmoor Primary School, Thamesmead, and Alexander McLeod Primary School, Abbey Wood.

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New group is great and FREE



THANK you for providing local information and interest with Greenwich Time. I wondered if you could help spread the word about a new playgroup in Woolwich which is free for carers and young children in the local area? I have attended the group as a parent and offered

to try to help reach a wider audience. The group is held at 10am until 12pm every Friday at Woolwich Evangelical Church, Woodhill, (the group is secular) and is FREE. Each session involves a structured craft activity for the children plus free play time on excellent softplay equipment.

A drink and snack is given to everyone at 11am. There are teas and coffees available for carers. This is a wonderful new resource at a time when many local services are being reduced or cut, and it would be great to see a greater diversity of children benefitting.

**Helen Cleary,
Woolwich**

Brotherly love is really great gift

THE story of little Freddie Farmer's fundraising brothers in last week's GT was the most heart-warming tale I have read in a long while. Freddie's two brothers clearly really went the distance in swimming that far! It was quite a feat for young James at just nine years old to swim a mile (a whole mile!) to help his kid brother. And let's not forget Daniel either who did a good stretch with 150 metres, at

that age I could barely swim a length of a paddling pool! It's great that the boys are helping to raise money for Freddie's cerebral palsy, and I hope they reach their target on £250,000. Good luck Freddie and family. Keep us posted on how it goes.

**Nick Davis,
Eltham**

COMPLETELY agree Nick - well done to Daniel and James on a stellar effort! Ed.

Blackheath squash alert

I PLAY squash for Blackheath Squash Club which is part of Blackheath Rugby Club at The Rectory Field in Charlton Road, Blackheath.

We run two teams in the Kent Priory League and are looking to recruit new players.

Matches are played on Tuesday evenings both home and away, starting at 7.45pm.

Anyone interested in coming along and playing please call me.

**Roald Piper
07817 536 194**

Why can't I renew my permit now?

I TELEPHONED Greenwich Parking today to renew my permit ahead of the new price increases on May 16, realising I would lose just over a month of my current permit but gain from the price increases about to be enforced.

I was told by Greenwich Council that I cannot do this. As my permit is dated in July I have had to pay the new rate of £82 and will be given a permit from that date. I am quite shocked by this. I asked to speak to someone further up the parking hierarchy for clarification but was told no one was available to do so. Surely the council have

no right to decide when my permit starts from? I have checked the guidance notes online and am unable to see where it says you cannot purchase a permit early. Do I have a case for a refund of £42 as I have purchased prior to the price increase date?

Carole McEwan

WE understand your frustrations on the new charges but unfortunately the new rates are payable irrespective of whether application for renewal was made before or after May 16 2011. Parking permit rates in Greenwich are still comparable with other London boroughs. Ed

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SAM GREEN, 17, Thomas Tallis secondary school: 'I took this shot of the Old Royal Naval College.'

New academy is booking the cooks!

Hotel chain offers courses in catering and hospitality

by Dick Townsend-Smith

GREENWICH Council has launched a new Catering and Hospitality Skills Centre in the borough – to open doors to jobs for local people in what promises to be even more of a booming industry in the area.

The first training initiative to be run from the facility – based in the Charlton Athletic Football Club professional kitchens – is a high-profile apprenticeship scheme run by the De Vere Group, which operates the Devonport Hotel in Greenwich.

The De Vere Academy of Hospitality offers formal apprenticeships leading to qualifications in customer service and professional cookery.

The company is working closely with Greenwich Council and other local partners to train young local people and give them the right skills and qualifications to work in the booming tourist industry.

This is particularly good news for Greenwich, which is set to become a high-profile tourist attraction as a host borough for next year's Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It is De Vere's first academy to open in London, and it will work closely with the new Greenwich Catering and Hospitality Skills Centre based at Charlton Athletic FC at The Valley.

"Catering and hospitality are key sectors here in Greenwich," Cllr Denise Hyland, the council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, told students, parents and employers at the academy's official launch at the Devonport House Hotel in Greenwich on May 23.

"We lead a number of initiatives to equip local people



CATERING FOR THEIR NEEDS: Cllr Denise Hyland meets students from the De Vere Academy of Hospitality - Sonia Skunder, Sasha McSweeney, Salvatore Gomand and Tammy Unsworth

with skills and training to help them into work.

"We welcome the opportunity to work closely with De Vere, not least because we share the common goal that skills and training programmes should truly open doors for participants.

"Greenwich Local Labour and Business (GLLAB), the agency the council supports to help local people access and training and jobs, is working closely with De Vere to recruit local apprentices to the academy. We look forward to seeing them graduate with a bright future at an exciting time - hospitality and catering are crucial elements of tourism in Greenwich."

Guests at the opening included VIPs from partner organisations the National Apprentice Service, Charlton Athletic FC, the Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency, and Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member

for culture and the Olympics.

Students already signed up by the academy are enthusiastic about their training. Tammy Unsworth, 18, from Thamesmead, told GT: "It's really good - time goes really quickly and the tutors are very nice and make teaching fun. I've made loads of new friends. I'm enjoying my work experience in customer service at De Vere's Holborn Bars in Chancery Lane, London."

Cookery apprentice Salvatore Gomand, 17, is doing a work placement at the Four Seasons Hotel, Canary Wharf.

He said: "I'm lucky to work in the kitchen. My dream is to open my own Italian restaurant in London." And customer service student Sonia Skunder, 18, from Charlton, said: "I'm doing a work placement as a waitress in the Devonport House restaurant and I just love it. They made me feel like a team member straight away, and everyone is so helpful."

The De Vere Group, which has other academies in Manchester, Crewe, Milton Keynes and Liverpool, has set itself a goal to train 10,000 apprentices aged 16-24 over the next three years. The Greenwich Academy will train up to 400 students a year.

Academy managing director Kellie Rixon said: "We are committed to encouraging and inspiring talented hospitality stars of the future through the provision of work-based learning. Regardless of academic achievement, social background or even challenging behaviour, everyone who joins can succeed."

● **Find out what apprentice opportunities are on offer through the the Greenwich Catering and Hospitality Skills Centre from GLLaB on 020 8312 7960 or call into GLLaB's offices at 122-130 Powis Street, Woolwich, SE18 6NN.**

Tax credit checks for new mums

If you had a baby in the last tax year, it's important to check if you received the correct amount of tax credits. The Revenue will shortly be writing to you to check they paid you the correct amount last year and to ask you to renew your claim for this year. It will not be clear from your P60 if you have been getting Maternity Allowance (MA) or Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) so it is important to tell the Revenue at this stage if you have been on maternity leave to ensure your tax credits are

worked out correctly. The Low Income Tax Reform Group have highlighted that this can sometimes be missed when people's claims are finalised, creating mistaken overpayments. So make sure you don't miss out. If you are pregnant or have had a baby, you may be able to claim a range of other benefits depending on your circumstances. Many people (particularly people in work) miss out on extra weekly income because they do not know they can claim.

● If you would like to check if you are missing out on extra help, call Greenwich Council's Welfare Rights Service Advice Line on 020 8921 6375 for a free benefits check (or 18001 020 8921 6375 for textphone users). The council's website also includes information about benefits. You can also download leaflets or contact the team using an online enquiry form – just visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich/BenefitsGrants

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Notice is also given that on or after Tuesday 12th July 2011 until the completion of the audit, local government electors for the Greenwich local authority area and their representatives may exercise their rights under section 15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to question the auditors about the accounts. These must be made in writing and sent to the auditor at the address shown below.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).
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More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

Two in good company

Two Greenwich schools among top 12 for English

by Dick Townsend-Smith

TWO Greenwich schools have been declared "outstanding" for the way in which they teach English.

The accolade comes from the schools' watchdog Ofsted, who named St Paul's Academy in Abbey Wood and Crown Woods College, Eltham, in a new report called "Excellence in English: What we can learn from 12 outstanding schools."

Of St Paul's, Ofsted said: "Strong relationships are at the heart of success, supported by innovative teaching and a range of stimulating enrichment activities. Boys respond well to lessons, including poetry, speaking openly about their feelings."

Pat Winston, principal at St Paul's, said: "The big secret of our success is the quality of teaching from the English team. We have a young English team, and a lot of the staff trained with us after coming here as graduates. They are enormously talented."

Pupils at St Paul's recently took part in a poetry performance project.

Year 8 pupil Busola Olabiran said: "Finally getting an opportunity to interpret poems the way I want to, outside the classroom, in front of my peers was sheer bliss."

Year 10's Simisola Ayanbule said: "I enjoyed the film making because we were given a lot of freedom and we were allowed to express our creativity".

The Ofsted report said a key feature in the success of the English department at Crown Woods was that students, as well as all staff contributed

to planning English work. It went on: "The curriculum has also been constructed so that there are clear, shared priorities that directly address local and community needs, reflect the school's growing diversity and tackle south-east London issues such as refugees, racism, and street culture."

Year 11 pupil Charlotte Byford said: "Before I came to Crown Woods School, I lacked confidence in English and did not enjoy writing. Through the enthusiasm and friendly guidance of my teachers I now feel at ease with my writing."

Year 9's Sophie Stead added: "This year I have really liked the wide variety of books we study and through them being able to see how other people live. I have most enjoyed creating my own characters to go into the books we have read."

Alfie Fielding, who's in Year 8, said: "I enjoy English because we read interesting books, but moreover because the books we read also teach us about important issues such as racism in the 1930s."

Crown Woods headteacher Michael Murphy told GT: "It's the result of a good number of years of hard work, pulling together an increasingly efficient English team that has a total and absolute commitment to pupils and students."

"They have worked hard at looking at different strategies to deal with different aptitudes and abilities in English, personalising lessons according to the different strengths and weaknesses of individuals and groups."

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Borough BRIEFS

New home store creates 89 jobs

A NEW store is providing 89 jobs for Woolwich. Wilkinson, the value home and garden retailer, opened the doors to its latest store on May 26. The new 23,000sq ft store, on Woolwich New Road, was opened by the newly elected Mayor of Greenwich, Councillor Jim Gillman, who cut the ceremonial ribbon alongside Floyd and Harvey, the official mascots of Charlton Athletic Football Club. The new store, is the 353rd branch of the value home and garden retailer on the site of the former Somerfield store. Store manager, Pervinder Bassra said: "Opening a brand new store in such a vibrant community like Woolwich is an exciting prospect for Wilkinson. We are proud to be creating 89 new jobs for local people, and we hope that residents will join us to celebrate the launch of the new store this month."

Park events works underway

WORK is well underway to prepare and protect Greenwich Park for this summer's test events in the run-up to the 2012 London Olympics.

The Royal park will be playing host to the Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events next year. This July's five days of test events are designed to see how the arenas will work out in practice, so that any potential snags can be ironed out well in advance. The equestrian events will be held on an 80 by 70 metre course in front of the Queen's House. But instead of allowing horses to be ridden on the existing turf, the equestrian arena is being fitted with a specially-raised platform made of steel and timber. This will then be covered with sand for the horses and their riders to compete, avoiding potential damage to the ground. To protect residents and the park, LOCOG has to restrict access to certain areas of the park during the event set-up, competition and removal. This has been agreed as part of the planning conditions,

but the park will be open for as long as possible before, during and after the test events in 2011 and the Games in 2012 and disruption will be kept to a minimum. Greenwich councillors paid a visit to the site on Thursday to see how work was progressing. Preparations began on May 16 as site offices and hoardings were installed. Sixty temporary stables are being put on site for the arrival of the competition horses on July 1. Games Organiser LOCOG has arranged for lorries delivering materials to the site will go in and out of the park only between 10am to 4pm to avoid traffic disruption. Fencing has gone up in front of Queen's House to enable the installing of some temporary structures and for work to start on building the special platform that the equestrian events will take place on. Pedestrian access to most of the park will remain unaffected. Lovers Walk and paths on the eastern side of The Avenue and Blackheath Avenue including One Tree Hill will be closed from 21 June and will reopen on 11 July. Great Cross

Avenue will also be closed from 1-5 July. Vehicle access to The Avenue will be restricted from 1-11 July to protect the horses that will be in the park during this time. There will be no parking from June 1 to July 25 on Great Cross Avenue, and limited parking along Blackheath Avenue from 1-11 July. Once the test events are over, all parts of the park that have adapted for the events will be restored to their previous state. The reinstatement work is due to begin on August 1.



LIFTED: crane starts works in preparation for test events



Laying down the law

Police win the war on violent crime

by Dick Townsend-Smith

SERIOUS violent crime is going down in Greenwich according to figures just released by the police.

Latest figures released by the Met Police show that there were 1,512 fewer crimes in the borough compared with last year. Burglaries from people's homes went down by 6.4 per cent, with 123 fewer than 2010, and personal robberies fell by 1.7 per cent. Most serious violent crimes went down by 23.9 per cent, with 96 fewer offences. Gun crime also went down by 14.6 per cent, with 15 fewer incidents. Motor vehicle crime fell by 5.2 per cent, with 177 fewer crimes than the previous year.

But local police who said the figures showed 'considerable improvements'

are concerned about increases in knife crime and business robberies and are already targeting these two areas.

Records show knife crime went up by 16 per cent, with 62 additional crimes, while robberies on businesses went up by 67 per cent, with another 57 crimes.

The borough's police chief, Detective Chief Superintendent Richard Wood, said: "Reducing knife crime offences is a priority for the borough. We are in no way complacent and continue to put a great deal of resources into tackling the problem in order to keep people, in particular young people, safe. We are patrolling extensively, on the streets and on public transport to ensure that we prevent incidents of violence and anti social behaviour. We will continue to carry out weapons sweeps, use our intelligence and stop and search powers to prevent any violence. I strongly

believe every time we recover a knife, we possibly save a life.

"With regards to business robberies, we have a dedicated team of detectives investigating all incidents and have been working closely with our specialist unit, the Met Flying Squad, to ensure the convictions of those targeting local businesses." Over the last few years Greenwich Council has supported local police by funding a specialist crime unit. VOCU, the pioneering Violent and Organised Crime Unit, was set up with £1m backing from the council. The unit, which tackles violent and organised crime in Greenwich, recently received a further £350,000 to carry on into next year.

DCS Wood went on: "I have been in post for two years and have seen some considerable improvements in our figures. Working in partnership with

the local council, as well as schools, businesses and the local community has played an important part in helping to reduce crime in our borough.

"I can say with certainty that we will continue to work with the council and that my team of detectives and police staff will do their best to bring criminals before a court."

Some recent high profile successes include Operation Trazor which led to 51 arrests after the borough's Violent and Organised Crime Unit dismantled a network of drug dealers operating across the borough.

Operation Granite also highlighted the undercover work that goes on in the borough, with three drug dealers sentenced to 29 years in prison. Officers also investigate other serious crimes, such as rogue traders targeting elderly and vulnerable people.

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Mr Wood said: "There is a lot of work that we do that the public does not necessarily know about and that brings the criminal to justice and respite to the people affected."

"Those who live and work in Greenwich rightly expect and deserve a good police service. We are focusing on the requirements of the public and ensuring that we fine tune our services to meet the needs of the modern and fast paced population we serve."

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for environment and community safety, told GT: "This local authority works closely with the police to help ensure the borough is a safe place in which to live, work and visit. I am delighted that many areas of crime are now showing sharp falls."

"Where some types of crime are on the increase, I wish our police officers

every success in tackling them and I urge everyone to help them where they can in the fight against the criminal."

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The figures at a glance

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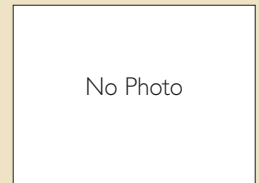
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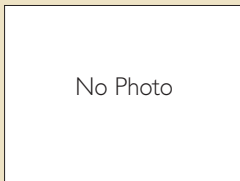
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Panfield Road SE2
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted.Gas Fire & Rad C/H
£82.44 pw. Bands A&B



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Elderslie Road SE9
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H. No Pkg
£77.65 pw.Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130782
Birdbrook Road SE3
3 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H. No Pkg Pref to
S/Overcrowding
£101.07 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130783
Vandyke Cross SE9
3 Bed Parl.Hse.Garden
No Pkg. Rad C/H
£115.49 pw. Bands A&B



Ref Number: 131043
Harden Court
Tamar Street SE7
3 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Garden. Rad C/H.
£88.20 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 131346
Bevan Road SE2
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H. **£82.75 pw**
Bands A&B



Ref Number: 131939
Prince Rupert
Road SE9
3 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H. Max. 2 Child.
£119.56 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 132163
Swift Close
Thamesmead SE28
3 Bed House Garden
Rad C/H.I Alloc.Pkg
No Dogs. **£125.59 pw**
Bands A&B



Ref Number: 132240
Egerton Drive SE10
1 Bed Grnd Floor Mais
Rad C/H. No Dogs
£87.05 pw. Bands A&B

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority
applicants have been bidding
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in recent weeks.

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Amicus Horizon

Ref Number: 75889
Prestwood Close SE18
2 Bed House Gdn
Rad C/H. Max. 1 Child
Under 16 No Pets.
£131.55 pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 112249
Curtis Way SE28
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H. No Dogs.
Over 40s
£80.61 pw Band C



Ref Number: 129561
Granite Street SE18
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted. Rad C/H
£72.40 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 130121
Crystal House Spinel Close SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H.
£81.79 pw Band C



Ref Number: 130169
Eardley Point Wilmount Street SE18
2 Bed 6th Floor Flat
Lifted. Rad C/H
Min.1 Child
£79.90 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 130556
Sandham Point Armstrong Place SE18
2 Bed 10th Floor Flat
Lifted. Ent/ph Rad C/H.
No Pkg Min.1 Child
£80.02 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 130784
Tivoli Gardens SE18
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Garden. Rad C/H
£65.93 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 130789
Ormsby Point Vincent Road SE18
2 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Lifted. Rad C/H
£79.90 pw. Min 1 Child
Band C



Ref Number: 130918
Beryl House Spinel Close SE18
2 Bed 10th Floor Flat
Lifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H. **£89.52 pw**
Band C



Ref Number: 132287
Harold Wilson Hse Arnott Close SE28
1 Bed 7th Floor Flat
Lifted. Ent/ph Rad C/H.
No Dogs Over 40s
£90.57 pw. Band C



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 132288
Birch Tree Court Cherry Orchard Est SE7
3 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Unlifted. Entry phone
Rad C/H. No Dogs
£118.14 pw. Band C



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 132308
Priory House Springfield Grove SE7
3 Bed 5th Floor Flat
Lifted. Ent/ph Rad C/H.
No Dogs. Min.2 Child
£118.14 pw. Band C



Ref Number: 129641
Godstow Road SE2
Bedsit Bung Gdn
Gas Fire & Rad C/H
£68.35 pw. Band C

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

For information or assistance

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One Person Properties

Eltham Road, Lee SE12, 1st floor, Studio flat.

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Strand Court, Plumstead, SE18, 4th Floor Studio Flat.

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Garnett Close, Eltham SE9 1 Bed 2 person, 2nd floor Flat.

Langton way, Blackheath SE3, 3Bed ground floor Flat.

Mandela House, Plumstead Common SE18, 1Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 235

| Address | Bed-rooms | Property Type | No of Bids | Reg date of successful app | Band |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|------|
| Eglinton Road SE18 1SL | 3 | MAISONETTE | 44 | 05/07/2010 | B |
| Brittain Court Shrubsall Close SE9 5QT | 2 | FLAT | 344 | 13/09/2005 | C |
| Glyndon Road SE18 7NZ | 1 | FLAT | 81 | 30/07/2001 | A |
| Bexley Road SE9 2PJ | 3 | MAISONETTE | 23 | 26/04/2004 | A |
| Canada Court Brookhill Road SE18 6BJ | 1 | FLAT | 425 | 15/03/2002 | C |
| Canada Court Brookhill Road SE18 6BJ | 1 | FLAT | 360 | 03/09/2003 | C |
| Middle Park Avenue SE9 5SQ | 3 | FLAT | 68 | 13/02/1989 | A |
| Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RE | 2 | FLAT | 31 | 23/12/2002 | A |
| Aylmer House Eastney Street SE10 9NU | 1 | FLAT | 92 | 05/09/1985 | A |
| Jago Close SE18 2TY | 1 | FLAT | 53 | 15/11/1993 | A |
| Denmark House Maryon Road SE7 8DE | 2 | FLAT | 199 | 19/02/2009 | C |
| Maryon Road SE7 8DB | 1 | FLAT | 69 | 07/02/2005 | A |
| Tivoli Gardens SE18 5PF | 3 | FLAT | 31 | 01/03/2004 | A |
| Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8 3FF | 2 | FLAT | 32 | 22/02/2011 | B |
| Cavatina Point Bridge Walk SE8 3FF | 2 | FLAT | 31 | 20/01/2011 | B |
| Viking House Pett Street SE18 5PA | 2 | FLAT | 176 | 23/06/2009 | C |
| Harden Court Tamar Street SE7 8DQ | 1 | FLAT | 365 | 02/04/2002 | C |
| Frances Street SE18 5LB | 1 | FLAT | 66 | 08/06/1998 | A |
| Southlands Road SE18 2BB | 1 | FLAT | 360 | 21/03/2003 | C |
| Little Cottage Place SE10 9LG | 2 | FLAT | 82 | 13/04/1978 | A |

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Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at:-

Development Planning, Crown Building 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6BQ

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If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 01/06/2011

Steve Pallett - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

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| <p>THE NURSERY ON THE GREEN, 13 ELTHAM GREEN, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5LB Development: Construction of a single storey side/rear extension. Drawing Numbers: N006-RM-2A Rev A, 3A Rev A, Site Location Plan and Letter dated 15/03/11. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: ELTHAM GREEN</p> | 11/0772/F | <p>National Maritime Museum NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM, ROMNEY ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Installation of 10 CCTV cameras and associated equipment on Sammy Ofer Wing and within surrounding landscape. Drawing Numbers: N006-SAM-5/01.1, 1.25 Rev 1, 1.34 Rev 1, 2.26 Rev 1, 2.27 Rev 1, 2.71 Rev 1, PA-90-010 Rev A, Design & Access Statement and Cover letter dated 6/5/11 (inc. External Genie CCTV Camera List). Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK</p> | 11/1092/F |
| <p>37 FOXES DALE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9BH Development: Construction of a garage and new access gate fronting Brookway. Drawing Numbers: P1-001, LE X 002, 003, Design & Access Statement, site plan and copy of previously approved site layout. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK</p> | 11/0935/F | <p>Mr William Brander 85 COURT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AG Development: Paving of parapet on roof tank room. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing No. 01, 02, 03 and Site Location plan. Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE</p> | 11/1111/F |
| <p>Mr Joseph Kasprovicz The University of Greenwich FUNERAL GATES, UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH, OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, ROMNEY ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Installation of new cast iron lanterns above each of the two bridging arches, replacement of gravel surface with granite sets and removal of coping stones to allow treatment and/or replacement of iron cramps. Drawing Numbers: DLEG-01-100, DLEG-01-200, DLEG-01-300, Allocated Drawing no. 010A, Photo Sheets:01 & 02, Site location plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK</p> | 11/0939/F | <p>Mr B Martin 79 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0EU Development: Renewal of planning permission dated 01/08/2008 (Ref: 01/2404/T) for the construction of a single storey side and part cell/part 2 storey front extensions and loft conversion including raising of the roof and the installation of side dormer window. Drawing Numbers: Application form Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK</p> | 11/1131/RT |
| <p>Miss L Macleenzie 70 ARSENAL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1JY Development: Replacement of existing windows with white UPVC double glazed units and renew existing front door in black composite fibreglass. Drawing Numbers: 01, 02, 03, 04, Allocated Drawing No. 001, Doc 001, Site Location Plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE</p> | 11/0955/F | <p>Mr Martin 105 ARSENAL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1JZ Development: Replacement of existing windows and door with new UPVC windows and door. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing No. 001, 002, 003, Photo 1, Photo 2, Doc 001 and Design and Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE</p> | 11/1136/F |
| <p>Mr G. Moran 46 CONGREVE ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LW Development: Replacement of windows and front door with UPVC windows and front door. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing No. 001, 002, 003, Doc 001, Photo 1, Site Location Plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE</p> | 11/1006/F | <p>Mr M Akin 2A THE VILLAGE, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8UD Development: Installation of a new shopfront, roller shutters and erection of a canopy. Drawing Numbers: 01 and Site Location Plan. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL Conservation Area: CHARLTON VILLAGE</p> | 11/1169/F |
| <p>Mr James Kelly 29 KIDBROOKE GROVE, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 0LE Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension with bay window and alterations to side window. Drawing Numbers: 11-010 P1-100, P1-002, P1-003, P1-004, EX-001, EX-002, EX-003, EX-004 & EX-005, Design and Access Statement and Letter dated 21st April 2011. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH</p> | 11/1009/F | <p>Trustees for Greenwich Sikh Association 2-3 CALDERWOOD STREET, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6QW Development: Renewal of planning permission (Ref: 04/2738/T) for the erection of a 2/3/4 storey building comprising car parking, day care for elderly and a 23-bed residential care home. Drawing Numbers: Decision Notice dated 29th June 2007 (Ref: 04/2738/T), Site location plan and letter dated 28th March 2010. Library: Woolwich Library, Calderwood Street SE18 6QZ Conservation Area:</p> | 11/1246/RT |
| <p>Mrs C. Calver 108 GRANBY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1EL Development: Erection of a front porch. Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing No. 001, 002, Site Location Plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Archery Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE</p> | 11/1019/F | <p>Mr Kasprovicz The University of Greenwich FUNERAL GATES, UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH, OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, ROMNEY ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 Development: Installation of new cast iron lanterns above each of the two bridging arches, replacement of gravel surface with granite sets and removal of coping stones to allow treatment and/or replacement of iron cramps. Drawing Numbers: DLEG-01-100, DLEG-01-200, DLEG-01-300, Allocated Drawing no. 010A, Photo Sheets:01 & 02, Site location plan and Design and Access Statement. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK</p> | 11/0940/L |
| <p>Mr Gareth Hughes 76 HYDE VALE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HP Development: Extension of basement, construction of a 2-storey rear extension at basement/terrace and ground floor level, formation of a driveway, extension of front floor side terrace to rear of property and new boundary treatments. Drawing Numbers: P01, P02, P03, P04, P05, Design and Access Statement and letter dated 4th May 2011. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH</p> | 11/1059/F | <p>Mr Dourmough 59 COURT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AF Development: Retention of replacement front boundary wall, iron railings and gates. Drawing Numbers: 11/21-01, Design Statement and Site Location plan. Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE</p> | 11/1081/C |
| <p>Mr R Jordan 23 HEATHWAY, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AY Development: Construction of front porch and enlargement of rear french doors. Drawing Numbers: 101/21, Allocated Drawing Numbers: 01, 02, 03, Design & Access Statement and Site Location Plan. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH</p> | 11/1072/F | <p>National Maritime Museum LAND ADJACENT TO SAMMY OFER WING, NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM, KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9JW Development: Installation of six non-illuminated banner signs with banner signs. Drawing Numbers: PA-06-000, 283-100, Allocated Drawing no. 01, 02, Photo Sheets: A, B, C, D, E & F, Design Statement and Letter dated 4th May 2011. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: GREENWICH PARK</p> | 11/1063/A |
| <p>Mr D Dourmough 59 COURT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AF Development: Retention of replacement front boundary wall, iron railings and gates. Drawing Numbers: 11/21-01, Design Statement and Site Location plan. Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE</p> | 11/1080/F | | |

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Greenwich Council will shortly be announcing an opportunity for a law firm or advice agency to tender to run community based specialist advice services in the areas of Employment Law and Immigration.

The tender process will be competitive and designed to ensure that the maximum number of Greenwich residents receive the services for the funding available. The service provider will be required to work with other local grant funded advice agencies.

The tender process for the contract, which will run from 1st October 2011, will commence in mid June. Tender documents will be available from the Council's website.

For more information or to discuss the likely service, please contact Mark Baigent, Project Director at Greenwich Council on (020) 8921 6489 or by email at mark.baigent@greenwich.gov.uk



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SCENE

Beadle's books

Bookish delights inside Eltham's best kept secret

- P18



Day tripper

Elkie Brooks makes a flying visit to a gig in Blackheath this weekend. The singer talks to Scene about her new album and fond memories of time spent with the Fab Four...

IN 2010 **Elkie Brooks** celebrated 50 years in the music industry with the release of her 20th studio album and a nationwide tour which runs until the end of June. The singer's early career saw her play alongside a pop group from the North West of England who would go on to world domination. No, not Freddie and the Dreamers, but Liverpool's finest export, The Beatles. Elkie told *Scene*: "I played with The Beatles at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1964. There were a lot of other artists also playing – the Yardbirds, Freddie and the Dreamers, and Jimmy Saville was the compere. Of course the girls just screamed all the way through our acts until the Beatles came on, and then they went absolutely crazy for them, so you couldn't hear much of their music anyway!" Elkie plays at the Blackheath Halls this Saturday, June 4. "I knew the Fab Four way before they became very popular," she added. "My brother was with Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas, and I

thought they were going to be just another band like that. "I did my first radio broadcast with them, on Talent Spot in 1963, but they were very insular – like a lot groups were at that time." Born in Salford as Elaine Bookbinder, Elkie changed her name and left home at 15 to play jazz and blues before becoming established in the industry. "My repertoire covers quite a number of years," she said. "I've been a recording artist for 30 years, and I've been in the business for 50. It's quite a long time to be around and still enjoying it." The singer's at the venue on Lee Road with a selection of songs from her new album as well as the standards that made her name. "My new record has a cover of Prince's Purple Rain and a Donny Hathaway song called Someday We'll All Be Free on it, which I may play. There's also one on there that you might think 'Oh my god – she's not gonna do that one is she?' – A Song For You by Leon Russell, which has apparently been done 43 times before. But we've done what I think is a

really good version." Bob Dylan's Make You Feel My Love also gets a reboot, and Elkie is bullish about the record. "I think it's the best album I've done since Two Days Away which I did in 1977 with the great Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller," she said. And it won't be just the new stuff that gets an airing at the gig, she assures old-time fans. "I think there'd be trouble if I didn't do the hits!" Elkie joked. "If I didn't do Pearl's a Singer, especially, which was my biggest hit in England. "I do a lot of hits in the first half of the show, and the rest is pretty rocky," she added.

Rod Kitson

Elkie is on at Blackheath Halls on Saturday June 4 at 8pm. £22/£20adv. Book on 020 8463 0100 or visit www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/blackheathhalls



STILL GOT IT: Elkie's powerful pipes have seen her through 50 years in the music business

Summer you win...

Young people's summer sign up



HUNDREDS of young people in Greenwich have signed up for Summer Uni courses. Over 400 teenagers have put their names down for the activities and courses that run over the summer holidays, and there is still plenty of time to sign up.

Scene dropped into the Woolwich Common Youth Hub to find out more about what's on offer.

The youth club on Nightingale Place has benefitted from a refurb a year ago and will be running a number of the summer courses from the premises.

There is an arts and crafts room, soccer skills hall, and a DJ room and recording studio.

A music production course will be run from the centre, and young people who take part even get a valid qualification on completion of the sessions.

Manager of the youth centre, Tricia Holczimer told us: "We're running a recording course with 15 places for young people. It will be run over a four-week period with two sessions a week.

"There's a DJing course too, and we've already had lots of young people come in and record tracks. The great thing is that at the end of the courses they get a widely-recognised qualification to put on their CVs."

The youth club caters for 45 young people every evening, sometimes as many as 65. They had a say in the design of the new outlay of the centre and Tricia thinks that is why it's so popular.

"The uptake of Summer Uni courses has been really good so far," Tricia added.

In Greenwich there are Summer Uni activities for 8-19 year olds, and a greater range of courses for the 13-19 age range. Other activities on offer include musical theatre, fashion design, and radio production and journalism.

Twelve-year-old youth hub user Callum has already signed up. He said: "I put my name down for snowboarding and t-shirt making. Last year I did skiing, and this year I'm looking forward to trying out a snowboard." Pal Joshua from Woolwich added: "I've signed up for the Greenwich Ambassador course."

For more information on activities and how to sign up visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/summeruni

WIN WIN WIN!! TICKETS TO THIS YEAR'S SUMMER SESSIONS

TO celebrate the launch of this year's **Greenwich Summer Sessions** at the Old Royal Naval College, Scene is giving away six pairs of 'Grandstand' tickets to the event.

There is one pair for every night of the festival, and this week we are giving away a pair to the first night, July 26 when The Divine Comedy and Jose Gonzalez will be playing.

Grandstand tickets not only get entry to the gig but also into the backstage area with the chance to meet the headline artists after the show.

The Summer Sessions is part of the Greenwich Festivals which also includes a comedy festival, jazz festival and Parks programme, and runs until November. The Summer Sessions is on from July 26 until July 31. The Divine Comedy and Jose Gonzalez top the bill on Tues July 26, headliner on Wednesday July 27 is Amy Winehouse producing cool kid Mark Ronson and his band, The Business Intl. Everyman rockers Status Quo lead the line on Thursday July 28 and local heroes Squeeze are on

Friday July 27. Folk-faves The Pogues are top dogs on Saturday and closing the festival on Sunday July 31, Chris Difford curates Songs In The Key Of London, with special guests including Eddi Reader and Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp.

Prices range from £25-£35 for standing tickets and £40-£50 for VIP tickets and seating for the Sunday show.

Hospitality packages are also available and there is an early bird ticket price for the Sunday night show, which is available until June 12.

Tickets and more info at: www.greenwichsummersessions.co.uk

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of grandstand tickets to the Greenwich Summer Sessions on July 26, just answer this question: Who is the lead singer in The Divine Comedy?

Comp ends June 12. Email answer, (and your address and phone no.) to competitions@greenwich.gov.uk or send a postcard marked 'Sessions Comp1' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW



JOKES A-PLenty: The Divine Comedy



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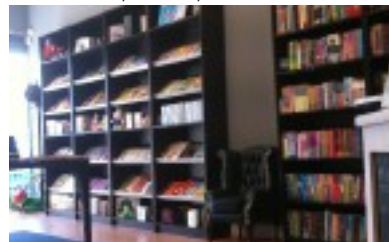
ALL too often the best things in life are overlooked, invisible. Take bookshops. Those with the highest profile tend to be the ones that stack bestsellers

from floor to ceiling, slap ubiquitous "3 for 2" stickers on everything and clad their staff in garish T-shirts emblazoned with slogans like "Ask me about books" (one wonders whether the back of the shirt says "...because I'm on commission"). The literature isn't the focus, the till roll is. There's no heart. That's why *Ink and Folly* in Eltham is such a breath of fresh air. Quietly nestled at the very top of the high street, this book emporium was one of the boroughs best kept secrets - until now. With three rooms of history, fiction, graphic novels, fantasy and children's books there is a diverse and well selected range of titles. But it's the back room that holds this shop above the rest. Hidden away from the bustle of the outside world, the room is furnished with a huge leather reading chair, rug and reading lamp for customers to curl up with a cup of tea and read. For this shop is a celebration of the experience of reading books - not just the process of buying them. And, if you do curl up with one of their titles, you could do far worse than selecting *The Man Who Broke Into Auschwitz* by Denis Avey. The memoir charts war hero Avey's experiences, from desert warfare in Egypt and battling Italian tanks to fighting Malaria, to sandfly fever, dysentery and scabies. It's

Denis's time in the Nazi concentration camps that will grab most people's imaginations. Captured and imprisoned in the E715 camp, Avey was forced to work for the German troops and after several nail-biting attempts to escape, he set about infiltrating the nearby Auschwitz.

The book is clearly cathartic for its author who, until recently, had never revealed his gruesome experiences. A priceless insight into life in World War Two, the book is pacy and incredibly compelling as the author goes on a quest for answers in a bid to fill in the blanks in his wartime history. The resulting findings are not only heart-warming but show that Denis Avey had more of an impact on one Auschwitz detainee than he ever realised. Deeply moving.

Upon returning from the war Avey was met with indifference. "People wanted to hear of brave escape attempts... not stories of

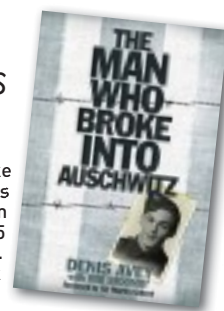


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Dean Beadle delves into the shelves at one of the borough's best indie bookshops...

endurance, however hellish. We'd played our part and in those post war years, we had become invisible." This inspirational page-turner is an essential part of history, but more than that, it is a remarkable tale of mind-blowing human strength and endurance.

The Man Who Broke Into Auschwitz is available now from Ink & Folly, 265 Eltham High St. Inkandfolly.co.uk



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SPORT

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Striker who played in front of a 66,555 Valley crowd

Woolwich man's Addicks career was very short but pretty sweet

by Kevin Nolan

THE evocative name of Woolwich-born Kevin Barry features briefly in Charlton Athletic's record books.

Despite being on the books since 1947, the slim (5ft 8in, 10st) forward made only four first team appearances, all during the 1952-53 season, before surprisingly plummeting from the fringes of a side that finished fifth in Division One to the relative anonymity of Kent League football with Sittingbourne United.

The fall was at least cushioned by the handsome offer of £10 per week.

Kevin made an ill-fated debut on January 10, 1953, in a 3-1 3rd Round FA Cup defeat by Hull City at Boothferry Park but kept his place to make one of the goals as the Addicks beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-0 a week later.

The highlight of the local hero's Charlton career was the telling contribution he made in a 2-2 draw with Arsenal in front of 66,555 fans at The Valley, but he was to play just one more game in the famous red shirt.

A 1-0 loss to Stoke City at the Victoria Ground on April 11, 1953, was a desperately disappointing swan song.

Born on September 13, 1930, and named after the recently executed Irish rebel



FORWARD THINKING: (left) Kevin Barry at home in Plumstead with Charlton supporters John Rooke (far left) and Kevin Nolan

UP WITH THE BEST OF THEM: (right) Kevin Barry leaps for the ball against Arsenal's keeper Jack Kelsey at The Valley



by his history-conscious parents, Barry has never strayed far from his Woolwich roots.

For over 50 years, most of them spent married to Agnes, the district nurse he met at the cheerfully ethnic Harp Club in New Cross, he has lived on Eastview Avenue in cheek-by-jowl Plumstead.

When World War II broke out, the Barry family - Dad, Mum, brother Brian and young Kev - found themselves squarely in the firing line. The Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, docks and the nearby Royal

Artillery barracks made the juiciest of targets for Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe, with a fleeting evacuation to Maidstone providing dubious relief.

"That's where the Royal West Kents were headquartered," explains Kevin, "and I was just as scared there. Couldn't wait to get back home to Mum." It was an anxiety-packed war but the Barrys emerged intact.

A useful club-level fast bowler, all-round sportsman Kevin also lined up in a Charlton FC cricket XI studded with

county standard players such as Sid O'Linn, Derek Upton and Stuart Leary, posting figures of 4 for 61 against Kent in Arthur Fagg's testimonial at Maidstone.

"I'd like to claim I clean bowled Godfrey Evans but I'd be lying," said Kev. He was apparently too modest to point out that he made 20 not out with the bat. He also had a stab at boxing with Woolwich Catholic ABC but prudently retired while on top, with an impressive three wins from four contests.

Since his beloved Agnes died in 2002, the lovelight in Kevin Anthony Barry's eyes has been focused on his three children.

The youngest of them, 44-year-old Joanne, was born with Downs syndrome and lives at home with her doting dad.

"If you don't mention her in your article, she'll bash me up," pointed out Kev, only half-seriously. Her father's quite a character, as Joanne, her brother Michael and sister Patsy probably don't need reminding.

They're a close clan, these Barrys, never far from laughter or music, much of which arrived with their forbears from County Cork. And that's a richly-emotional heritage which keeps them going through the rough times.

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